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Dear Professor Price:

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[redacted] of my Office has applied for admission to the Kennedy School as a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. I wish to commend him to you -- and warmly.

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The work of my office centers in the preparation of National Intelligence Estimates. As you doubtless know, the essence of this form of intelligence work is research and analysis of the sort carried out in institutions like yours.

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[redacted] who was my predecessor in the job here would be pleased, I am sure, to give you a fill-in.) [redacted] has been with us in this endeavor for about two years as a junior member in excellent standing of a small high powered staff.

He has turned in a fine performance. I have been particularly impressed by his energy and dedication as well as by his ability to defend his position before officers 10 and 20 years his senior.

Although I regret losing his services during the period of his graduate work, I believe that in the long term both he and his parent organization will benefit greatly from this experience. The field he has selected, that of national security policy, is of particular relevance to his work here, and conversely what he has been doing here is of high relevance to one facet at least of the process of national security policy formulation.

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I know that when you examine [REDACTED] academic credentials -- from Rice, the London School of Economics, and American University -- you will find them impressive. Beyond this, I can assure you that you will find in [REDACTED] a hard-working and serious scholar. He has an alert, inquisitive mind as well as the tenacity to see difficult problems through to conclusion. Moreover, his service with this Agency, his two years in the Army, and his stable family life, have combined to give him a sense of purpose and a mature outlook which should be considerable assets in the course he has chosen. I can only say, as a one-time university teacher, that I should have liked having him in my class.

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Very truly yours,

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